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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Recently Mr. Philip K. Edwards, Chief, Historical Staff, O/DCI, came to see me to explain briefly the current program of this Staff and to ask the following questions:

1. Would there be material in the regular USIB Secretariat files of interest to them beyond the circulated USIB papers to which they already have access?
2. Could they have access to the SIGINT Committee files, since the members of that Staff will have the necessary SI clearances?
3. Are notes made by the Secretariat at USIB meetings kept for any period of time, and could they be made available to his Staff?

Regarding Question 1 - I said that I did not believe that there was much material in the USIB Secretariat regular files other than the papers which were subsequently circulated and to which he had access. However, we would be glad to answer any questions or look up any particular matters they were concerned with.

Regarding Questions 2 and 3 - I said that I would have to consult with Mr. Kirkpatrick to whom I understood the Historical Staff reported. I subsequently discussed these questions with Mr. Kirkpatrick with the following results:

Regarding Question 2 - The Historical Staff is authorized to have access to the SIGINT Committee files.

Regarding Question 3 - I explained my understanding that I was to keep my notes solely for reference as required by the DCI and DDCI, therefore I did not believe I was authorized to make them available to the Historical Staff, although I would be glad to offer assistance to Mr. Edwards on any particular questions they had as to the background of USIB

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actions. Mr. Kirkpatrick confirmed that his understanding also was that USIB Secretariat notes should not be made available except as specifically authorized by the DCI and DDCI. He agreed, however, that it would be helpful if I would answer questions of the Historical Staff to the extent I felt authorized.

I subsequently advised [redacted] Executive Secretary, SIGINT Committee, regarding question 2 above, and asked him to grant access as requested by appropriately cleared members of the Historical Staff. I then today advised Mr. Edwards of the answers to his Questions 2 and 3. I told him to contact [redacted] [redacted] as required. I offered to answer specific questions on background of USIB actions. In answer to his question, I told him that notes kept by previous Executive Secretaries had been destroyed when they left.

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Executive Secretary, USIB

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